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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

--LEADING TAIPEI PAPERS DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE RECENT SPACE ATTACKING U.S. DETENTE EFFORTS, WITH LONGEST ARROWS USUALLY AIMED SECRETARY KISSINGER. LARGEST CIRCULATION UNITED DAILY NEWS (380,000) SAID KISSINGER'S FAITH DETENTE "UNWISE AND DANGEROUS." INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES (350,000) WARNED DETENTE ENDANGERS U.S. AND ENTIRE WORLD. KMT'S OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (270,000) HELD SEMINAR WITH U.S. CONGRESSMAN STEVEN SYMMS AND PROFESSOR ANTHONY KUBEK ATTENDING WHICH FOCUSED IMPORTANCE STRONG ASIAN ANTICOMMUNIST MILITARY ALLIANCE. BOTH SYMMS, KUBEK WIDELY QUOTED OPPOSING DETENTE.

--PAPERS ROUTINELY REPORTED UPCOMING U.S. CODEL VISIT PRC; ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS, WHICH OFTEN REFLECTS OFFICIAL THINKING, WARNED OF "PEIPING'S VISITATION OFFENSIVE" ADDING "THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE AWARE THAT THEY WILL NEVER GAIN U.S. RECOGNITION IN THE FACE
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OF A HOSTILE CONGRESS...TO THE COMMUNISTS, EACH

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CONGRESSMAN WHO GOES TO THE MAINLAND REPRESENTS A
KNIFE THEY ARE PREPARING TO PLUNGE INTO OUR BACK."
TAIPEI'S BEST DEFENSE IS INVITING AS MANY CONGRESSMEN
AS POSSIBLE TO TAIWAN, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO VISIT MAINLAND,
CHINA NEWS SAID. (SEE TAIPEI'S 4603)

--IN ONE NOTABLE CHANGE OF PACE U.S. ACTUALLY RECEIVED
WARM PRAISE FROM MAJOR PAPER WHEN CHINA TIMES URGED READERS
"NEVER FORGET GENEROSITY AND HELP OF OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS."
COMMENTING ON AMBASSADOR UNGER'S JULY 20 KAOHSIUNG SPEECH
IN WHICH HE PRAISED ROC'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS OVER PAST 25
YEARS AND OFFERED ADVICE ON FACING NEW SOCIO-ECONOMIC
CHALLENGES, CHINA TIMES SAID US$1.5 BILLION U.S.
ECONOMIC AID ALLOWED ROC STABILIZE ECONOMY IN GLOOMY
1950S AND UNDERTAKE EFFORT BECOME ASIAN TOWER STRENGTH.
"WE SHOULD NEVER FORGET GENEROSITY AND HELP OUR AMERICAN
FRIENDS," PAPER SAID, ADDING: "FOR ALL THIS, WE WOULD
LIKE THANK AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE BEHALF OUR
PEOPLE AT TIME WHEN AMBASSADOR UNGER HAS REVIEWED OUR
ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS. WE SHOULD ALSO FEEL GRATEFUL
FOR ALL AMERICAN A.I.D. OFFICIALS WHO LEFT UNFORGETABLE
MEMORY WITH CHINESE PEOPLE."

--CENSORS BLACKPENCILED "REPUBLIC OF..." PRECEDING
"TAIWAN" IN TIME INTERNATIONAL JULY 21 STORY ON RESUMPTION
ROC-JAPAN AIR TIES. BUT REMAINER CAME THROUGH UNSCATHED
NEWS JULY 9 BEGAN SERIALIZATION OF TEXT.

--SERIES OF PROGRAMS ON "AMERICAN CINEMA" OPENED AT
USIS TAIPEI AUGUST 18 WITH LECTURE ENTITLED "THE
SILENT ERA CLASSICS" GIVEN BY TAN HAN-CHANG, FILM CRITIC
AND CHIEF EDITOR OF "INFLUENCE" MAGAZINE. TAN GAVE HISTORICAL
REVIEW OF FILM MAKING IN U.S. WITH EMPHASIS ON THE SIGNIFICANCE
OF SILENT ERA FILMS AND THEIR INFLUENCE OVER LATER FILM
INDUSTRY. LECTURE WAS ILLUSTRATED BY SHOWING OF FOUR IMV-
SUPPLIED EDWIN PORTER FILMS. TAN KNOWLEDGEABLE, ARTICULATE
SPEAKER. WELL RECEIVED BY OVERFLOW AUDIENCE OF 300. ONE
INDICATION OF HIGH DEGREE OF INTEREST WAS THAT ABOUT ONE-
THIRD STAYED AFTER LECTURE FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, AND
ABOUT 10 QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR WERE DISCUSSED. 19 COPIES
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OF THE WORLD TODAY CHINESE TRANSLATION OF THE FORUM SERIES,
"AMERICAN CINEMA," SOLD AT LECTURE

--USIS' REGULAR LIBRARY NEWSALERT, FOCUS, DREW REQUESTS
FROM 40 PRIMARY AUDIENCE MEMBERS FOR 105 SIGNIFICANT
ARTICLES, BOOKS HIGHLIGHTED IN JUNE 26 ISSUE. SUBJECTS
IN ORDER OF POPULARITY INCLUDED HENRY KISSINGER'S
PHILOSOPY OF HISTORY, MODERN AGE; POWER AND PURPOSE IN

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AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, ALSO MODERN AGE; LAW OF THE SEA, NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE; CORPORATION LOGIC, THE CENTER MAGAZINE, AND THE NEW SOVEREIGNS (BOOK), 13 REQUESTS. INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INCLUDED NATIONAL NORMAL UNIVERSITY ENGLISH PROFESSOR, VICE MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, VICE MANAGER SUGAR COMPANY, CHINESE AIR FORCE ACADEMY INSTRUCTOR, DIRECTORY PULI FORESTRY BUREAU, KAOHSIUNG PLANT MANAGER/DIRECTOR.

--AMSPEC LINDA KELLER BROWN LECTURED EFFECTIVELY GENERAL AND SPECIALIZED PRIMARY AUDIENCES (DETAILS TAIPEI 4457, FM NO. 19, DATED JULY 24, 1975).
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